

Mr. ARCHER ought to keep his hands off and let the IRS do its job. Not even the chairman of the powerful Ways and Means Committee can protect the Speaker from the justice he is due.

#### PERMISSION FOR SUNDRY COMMITTEES AND THEIR SUBCOMMITTEES TO SIT TODAY DURING THE 5-MINUTE RULE

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the following committees and their subcommittees be permitted to sit today while the House is meeting in the Committee of the Whole House under the 5-minute rule: The Committee on Agriculture, the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, the Committee on Commerce, the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that the minority has been consulted and that there is no objection to this request.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HUTCHINSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

#### RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Small Business:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, September 4, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,  
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER GINGRICH: Having accepted your appointment to the Committee on Agriculture, I hereby submit to you my resignation from the Committee on Small Business.

It has been a great honor for me to serve under the capable leadership of Chairwoman Meyers, and it is with deep regret that I leave her committee. However, I will continue to work closely with her and the committee to protect the interests of America's small business community.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

DAVID FUNDERBURK,  
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.  
There was no objection.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE RICHARD A. GEPHARDT, DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable RICHARD A. GEPHARDT, Democratic leader:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
OFFICE OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER,  
Washington, DC, September 4, 1996.  
Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,  
Speaker of the House, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to Section 389(d)(2) of Public Law 104-127, I hereby appoint the following individual to the Water Rights Task Force:

Mr. Richard Roos-Collins of California.

Yours very truly,

RICHARD A. GEPHARDT.

#### APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 3675, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 3675) making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes, with Senate amendments, thereto, disagree to the Senate amendments, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT OFFERED BY MR. OBEY

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion to instruct conferees.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. OBEY moves that in resolving the differences between the House and the Senate, the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill, H.R. 3675, be instructed to disagree to Senate Amendment Numbered 150.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY] will be recognized for 30 minutes, and the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. WOLF] will be recognized for 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY].

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I support the motion offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY] and accept the motion.

Mr. OBEY. I thank the gentleman.

Since the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. WOLF] has accepted the motion, I see no need to debate it. I appreciate the gentleman's position.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Do both Members yield back their time?

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY].

The motion was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees: Messrs. MYERS of In-

diana, ROGERS, KNOLLENBERG, RIGGS, FRELINGHUYSEN, BUNN of Oregon, PARKER, LIVINGSTON, BEVILL, FAZIO of California, CHAPMAN, VISCLOSKEY, and OBEY.

There was no objection.

#### APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 3816, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

Mr. MYERS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 3816) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes, with a Senate amendment thereto, disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Indiana?

There was no objection.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT OFFERED BY MR. BEVILL

Mr. BEVILL. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion to instruct conferees.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. BEVILL moves that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing vote of the two Houses on the bill H.R. 3816 be instructed to insist on the House position in respect to section 510 of the House-passed bill prohibiting the imposition by the Tennessee Valley Authority of a performance deposit on persons constructing docks or making other residential shoreline alterations.

Mr. BEVILL. Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question on the motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. First, does the gentleman seek time?

Mr. BEVILL. No, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. MYERS] seek time?

Mr. MYERS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, we accept the amendment.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct offered by the gentleman from Alabama [Mr. BEVILL].

The motion was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees: Messrs. WOLF, DELAY, REGULA, ROGERS, LIGHTFOOT, PACKARD, CALLAHAN, DICKEY, LIVINGSTON, SABO, DURBIN, COLEMAN, FOGLETTA, and OBEY.

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#### UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES PROTECTION ACT OF 1996

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 517 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 517

*Resolved*, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the